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25X1 [redacted] Called on Congressman Carl Perkins (D., Ky.), Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, to discuss his letter to the Director asking for detailed information on Agency subsidization of college students. Congressman John Brademas (D., Ind.) was in the room when I entered and Congressman James O'Hara (D., Mich.) entered the room after the discussion commenced. I told Perkins that there was really nothing we could add on the subject of his inquiry beyond what is covered in the newspaper. Perkins was most understanding and said his inquiry had been overtaken by events. He said he would still like a response to his letter but that it should be in the nature of providing background on Communist fronts by way of justification of Agency activity. He said he has also sent a similar inquiry on labor and that the reply to this letter should be along the same lines. O'Hara said he thought we should make a strong justification for this activity. As a footnote, Brademas was very critical of the Agency for its use of the various organizations which have been exposed as front groups. However, he was not antagonistic to the Agency as such. O'Hara said he was all for the Agency and we could count on his vote any time. Mr. Brademas said that he thought we should bring more congressmen to the Agency, not for the purpose of giving them classified information but to familiarize them with the Agency. Before I could reply, Mr. O'Hara said we were already doing this and that he thought it was a good idea. I had explained to Mr. Brademas that we are making a continuing effort to bring new members to the Agency for briefings. All three thought this was a fine idea.

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